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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 16 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-11, 13, and 15 are canceled.

Claims 12, 14, and 16 are currently amended.

Claims 17-28 are new.

Claims 12, 14, and 16-28 would be all of the claims remaining in the instant application if the present amendment is entered.

Discussion of Second Preliminary Amendments to the Claims

Claim 12 is currently amended to independent form, as claim 1 is canceled. Claims 14 and 16 are rewritten from multiply dependent form to dependent form. New claim 17 is supported by embodiment no. 33 in view of embodiment nos. 36 and 51 of the specification. New claim 18 is supported by embodiment no. 33 in view of embodiment nos. 37 and 51 of the specification. New claim 19 is supported by embodiment no. 33 in view of embodiment nos. 37 and 51 and further in view of embodiment no. 55 of the specification. New claim 20 is supported by embodiment no. 33 in view of embodiment nos. 37, 51, and 55 and further in view of embodiment no. 56 of the specification. New claim 21 is supported by embodiment no. 1 in view of embodiment no. 122 of the specification. New claim 22 is supported by embodiment no. 1 in view of embodiment no. 122 and further in view of embodiment no. 7 of the specification. New claim 23 is supported by embodiment no. 1 in view of embodiment nos. 122 and 7 and further in view of embodiment no. 25 of the specification. New claim 24 is supported by embodiment no. 1 in view of embodiment nos. 122, 7, and 25 and further in view of embodiment no. 29 of the specification. New claim 25 is supported by embodiment no. 1 in view of embodiment nos. 122, 7, 25, and 29 and further in view of embodiment no. 30 of the specification. New claim 26 is supported by embodiment nos. 77 and 78 of the specification. New claim 27 is supported by embodiment nos. 85 and 86 of the specification. New claim 28 is supported by embodiment nos. 87 and 88 of the specification.

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Conclusion

Applicants request consideration of claims 12, 14, and 16-28.

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